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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group/Species I, claims 1-14, drawn to a method; and

Group/Species II, claims 15-23, drawn to a device.

For purposes of responsiveness only, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group/Species Group II, claims 15-23.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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